



2023-24 UPPER SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

General Supplies:

Paper, pens, pencils, highlighters.

*Supplies needed for each class are discussed at the beginning of the school year and students have time to gather them.

English:

Students should bring their summer reading text as indicated on the summer work page.

World Languages:

Chinese, French, and Spanish students:

- headphones with a microphone that has a USB port

Math & Science:

Graphing calculators are required in all courses. Our guidelines specify that all students should have their own TI-83, TI-84, or TI-Nspire CX calculator.

Texas Instruments also has a calculator called the TI-Nspire CAS. We do not have that calculator on our list of suggested calculators for several reasons. First, the CAS system is more expensive and students will not need the additional features of the CAS for the courses taught at Porter-Gaud. Second, the CAS is prohibited on some standardized tests (the ACT has the CAS system on its restricted calculators list)! **If you purchase the TI-83, TI-84, or TI-Nspire CX you are safe on the three most common standardized tests you will take (PSAT, SAT, and ACT).**

If you accidentally purchase a TI-Nspire CAS, we allow you to use those calculators in our classes, but you cannot use them for the ACT. Please check with your student to ensure they have a working calculator before returning to school. The calculator guidelines for the most common standardized tests are below

PSAT/SAT: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/taking-the-test/calculator-policy>

ACT: <http://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/ACT-calculator-policy.pdf>